## COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM FY-2001 ANNUAL REPORT

Project No.: PIP 12A (Project #98)

- I. Project title: Information and Education Program Nonnative Fish Control: Translocation of Northern Pike from the Yampa River
- II. Principal investigators:

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- III. Project summary: The purpose of this scope of work is to make sure communities around the Yampa River are informed about the translocation of northern pike from the Yampa River. The scope of work called for hosting community meetings, disseminating news releases and developing and installing interpretive signs as needed.
- IV. Study Schedule:

Initial year: 2001 Final year: Ongoing

- V. Relationship to RIPRAP:
  - VI. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND SUPPORT FOR THE ENDANGERED FISHES AND THE RECOVERY PROGRAM.
- VI. Accomplishment of FY 2001 objectives and tasks: CDOW hosted an angler's roundtable for the community which Pat Nelson from the Recovery Program staff attended. CDOW and FWS responded to news media inquiries. In March, the I&E Committee developed a draft informational flyer to post at sporting goods stores in the area. During this process, decisions were still unmade re: exactly where the fish would be moved since it was a pilot study. For this reason the flyer was never completed or distributed. CDOW posted information signs and a tag return box at Yampa State Wildlife Area so a Recovery Program information sign was not needed.
- VII. Recommendations: At a minimum, the CDOW and/or the Recovery Program need to proactively notify the news media about planned work before it begins. Depending on the outcome of a nonnative fish workshop hosted by the Recovery Program in February 2002, decisions will be made re: whether or not additional information signs are needed at Yampa State Wildlife Area and any additional translocation sites.
- VIII. Project Status:

On-track and ongoing.

- IX. FY 01 Budget:
  - A. Funds Provided: \$2,000 B. Funds Expended: \$ -0-
  - C. Difference: \$2,000 (Carried over for FY 2002)
  - D. Percent of FY 01 work completed and projected costs to complete: none, none
  - E. Recovery Program funds spent for publication charges: Not applicable.
- X. Status of Data Submission: Not applicable.
- XI. Signed: <u>Debbie Felker</u> <u>January 29, 2002</u> Info. & Education Coordinator Date